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—Army officials are considering awarding the nation's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, to Private Courtney L. Stanley, the 19-year-old Mansfield, La., Negro, whose extraordinary heroism on Korea's "Little Gibraltar" saved the life of his wounded commanding officer, Lt. Col. Harry Clark of Columbus, Georgia.

Clark termed Private Stanley's one-man stand against the Reds as "The most courageous action I've ever seen."

Maj. Gen. James Fry, commander of the famous Second Division, awarded Stanley a Silver Star on the spot. Now, however, General Fry has recommended to the higher-ups that the Distinguished Service Cross and possibly even the Medal of Honor be awarded the young hero.

### Print for Peace

SOMETIMES private citizens can do almost as much about peace as governments, sometimes more.

A case in point concerns President Eisenhower's inspiring speech proposing the use of arms money for reconstruction of the world—if Russia will show a real desire for peace.

The most important thing is to get this message across to the people of Europe, not merely behind the Iron Curtain but on the free side of the Iron Curtain. To this end the patriotic Italian-American newspaper, *Il Progresso* of New York, will soon print the full text of President Eisenhower's speech in the Italian language and in such form that it can be clipped and mailed back to friends and relatives in Italy.

The important gesture will have greater effect than might appear on the surface. For the chief slogan of the Communists in Italy and elsewhere is that the United States is the world's chief warmonger, while Soviet Russia is the chief champion of peace. This theme has been hammered home so vigorously that a lot of people really believe it.

Therefore, to have Americans of Italian descent mail copies of the Eisenhower's inspiring speech back to Italy is extremely important. Its importance lies in the fact that it will come from one friend or rela-

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tive to another, not from a government.

People trust friends and relatives. They don't always trust governments.

This columnist would like to suggest that Polish, Hungarian, Croat and other foreign-language newspapers in the United States also print Eisenhower's speech in their language and urge that it be mailed to every country in Europe.

### Political Potpourri

IT'S NO SECRET around the White House that Secretary of State Dulles is suspicious of foreign aid boss Stassen. That's one reason Dulles let Stassen

down in his fight with Senator McCarthy. Inside fact is that Stassen has been doing an A-1 job, takes his work home at night, surprises associates with his knowledge of international problems.

Michigan's Gov. Mennen "Soapy" Williams is quietly researching the political record of Sen. Homer Ferguson — a prelude to challenging Ferguson's Senate seat in 1955.

Sen. Arthur Watkins seems to spend most of his time getting into petty feuds with fellow Mormons. He's now spreading a whispering campaign against Interstate Commerce Commissioner James Knudson. ... Incidentally, Secretary of Agriculture Benson isn't the only Mormon in high public office. Federal Communications chairman Rosel Hyde is official greeter at the Mormon chapel in suburban Chevy Chase, Md. ... Tariff Commission chairman Edgar Brossard is active on the Mormon high council in Washington. ... ICC Commissioner Knudson sings hymns at church, and Utah's other Mormon Senator, Wallace Bennett, teaches a Sunday-school class. ... Dr. Allen Astin, the now-he's-fired-now-he-isn't Bureau of Standards chief, is also a Mormon. So is U. S. Treasurer Ivy Baker Priest, who signs all the Government's greenbacks.

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